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April 10, 2007 Public Service Commission Public Hearing

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My name is Pat Frey and I am a lifelong citizen of Sussex County. I am speaking as a private citizen in support of moving forward with the electric power generation bid from Blue Water Wind (BWW)...if necessary with the contingency of a reduced contract time that is reasonable for its investment... say 10-15 years.

Despite an original scoring system which was demonstrably flawed, BWW presented a good faith bid that is economically viable and that offers Delaware and its citizens an opportunity to be first again. This is a time in history when we **cannot afford to think small!** We would do well to remember a quote attributed to Albert Einstein..."We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." Until enough clean fuel energy systems get on line and/or until we fully realize the benefits of energy conservation and efficiency, Delaware and the rest of America will have to continue to use **fossil fuels as secondary energy sources**. There will be mistakes made as we move forward.

Over the last 100+ years coal and gas have enabled us to build and grow an economy and lifestyle that is the envy of much of the world. Power companies do not need to apologize for that. I personally enjoy and appreciate having electricity to read by! But also over those years we have learned that burning fossil fuels has serious consequences for the planet and the people and other animals and plants that inhabit it. We have also begun to learn that we can harvest every kWh of energy needed to fuel all human activity from sun, wind and water on a clean and sustainable basis... if we have the strategic vision and political will to do it. **I challenge the power companies to either lead or get out of the way! To use the technical expertise, the money, the time and the political leverage they continue to squander on defending the old business models of power generation.** It is economically, environmentally and socially unacceptable to continue burning fossil fuels as primary energy sources now that we recognize the consequences **and** now that we have viable alternatives for an abundant clean and sustainable energy supply.

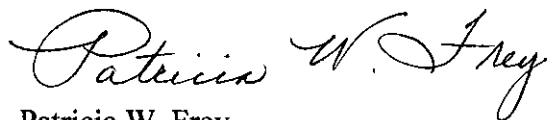
Every single issue of The Green Power Network (an online newsletter from the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy cites towns/cities, businesses and universities that are choosing to have some or all of their energy needs met from clean and renewable energy sources. The governor of RI recently committed his state to produce 15% of its energy needs from wind in 5 years and I understand that Bluewater is one of the bidders. States from MA to VA are pursuing proposals for offshore wind-fueled electricity generation. Sussex County would certainly benefit from an increase in the number of good paying jobs. **If the recommendations of the Delmarva consultant and the so-called Independent Consultant to decline all submitted bids are accepted, it means the certain loss of jobs and economic benefits that will accrue to Delaware from being first to bring offshore wind technology to the US AND the continuing pollution of Delaware air for years to come.**

We do not have to be held hostage by the vested interests of political and financial power brokers who continue to support "business as usual". The Delaware legislature has taken the first step needed to help us move toward the generation of clean, sustainable electric power with the

passage of HB6. This legislation gives the PSC and others charged with deciding, the flexibility to direct and change the future of clean and sustainable power in Delaware. Antiquated policies and regulations at both State and Federal levels that are biased toward fossil fuel use will need to be changed. **But clean power is coming and with it will be significant economic and environmental gains for those States bold enough to support its development.**

The citizens of Delaware most certainly have the intellectual and moral capacity to embrace and support clean energy production. We understand that initial costs for clean energy production may be higher. And we know that as Americans it may take a swift, strong kick in the butt to get us to see that clean energy production and energy conservation and energy efficiency measures are as good for the wallet as they are for the environment. **What we need is open and honest dialogue and responsible leadership from our legislative and public service sectors.** I ask and challenge the PSC and the other decision makers to think globally and to act locally; to honor sworn commitments to promote and protect the health and financial well-being of all of Delaware's citizens. **I respectfully request the PSC and the other public offices involved in the decision making process to take this first cost-effective bid for wind power and run with it. I respectfully request that you also use all legal means at your disposal to change policies and regulations that put clean energy at a market disadvantage. We have to start somewhere and sometime SOON! Why not in Delaware NOW?**

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia W. Frey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia W. Frey

I would like to have the document "Ensuring Delaware's Energy Future – A Response to Executive Order Number 82" Prepared by the Governor's Cabinet Committee on Energy March 8, 2006 placed into the docket and the record of this meeting.

Among other things, the Governor's Executive Order required the PSC to examine the feasibility of requiring Delmarva to built generation, or enter into long term supply contracts, to meet up to 100 percent of supply options under traditional rate base, rate of return regulation, and to require Delmarva to conduct integrated resource planning to ensure fuel diversity and least cost supply alternatives.

The report followed the Executive Order and recommended that immediate legislation authorizing the State to require DELMARVA to sign long-term contracts be enacted, and that such legislation would require Delmarva to again develop and the PSC approve an IRP every 2 years. IRPs used to be done, but stopped with deregulation. Thus, HB6 was introduced and enacted.

The IRP submitted should be rejected and fees and charges for it preparation, evaluation, and these meetings be billed to DELMARVA without compensation from the ratepayers. It is a self-serving document devoid of the analysis called for.

The document "Ensuring Delaware's Energy Future" addressed many of the issues DELMARVA fails to, and now the PSC contractor in its evaluation muddles. It notes that for a variety of reasons generators were not lining up to locate on the Delmarva Peninsula to resolve congestion. HB6 specifically addressed this by seeking in-state power sources. The contractor after a phone survey of suppliers reports a lack of interest, because they are not willing to sell forward when prices are likely to be appreciating. Strangely, the consultant recommends a decision on the bids await a market test they in essence did. It seems the contractor now seeks to replace the judgment of the legislature and the Cabinet Committee with their greed to study more.

We don't need another bid process. HB6 ordered the PSC to find in state power bidders. DELMARVA and the contractor do not run the State or the PSC. The PSC is to decide how and what power is procured and sold.

Bottom line is Delaware will still need more power.

No transmission line project, demand side management, or conservation effort is going to change the need for more power.

We should be building only Energy Star Homes and developers should be making more use of Solar Energy in new construction. Conservation happens by design, and seldom by retrofit. For the rest, renewable energy is the only sane path forward. We need to get to 20% renewable energy as soon as possible.

The politicians better take notice, that this is not the normal low bid purchase. Folks have turned out in numbers to speak at length that they at feed up with the pollution, and that they favor a renewable energy wind project.

It is a choice about our future and the future of our children

John Austin
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**STATEMENT BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
APRIL 10, 2007**

After approximately one year of study and hearings and millions of dollars in consultant fees, the citizens of Delaware are being told that the process for obtaining a long-term energy contract is so flawed that it must be scrapped, and we must start this whole process over.

The major argument put forth by Delmarva Power Company is that the bids are too expensive – that it would cost the average Delaware customer an additional \$22 to \$55 per month if they were obligated to one of these contracts. This is the same company that only a year ago raised our monthly electric bill by \$54 per month because coal had gone up by 150 percent and natural gas had gone up by 400 percent. All of these figures are from Delmarva's own letter to every residential customer in the state.

The \$54 a month hike was, as we all know, after a six-year rate freeze. But compare that to a \$22 or even a \$55 increase which would lock in electric rates for 10 years or longer.

So my question is: who is really being protected here?

If we start this process over, does anybody really think the bids will go lower? I doubt it.

But if this process is truly so flawed that it is impossible to award a long term contract, which will protect Delaware consumers from escalating electric rates, then we should at least be assured that we will not be charged any more than the lowest price for the period of the current contract bids.

The message from Delmarva is that they can do better than the bids submitted. If we accept that argument, then they should be willing to hold their rates to the level of the best contract for the life of that offer.

Thank you,

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In its evaluation of the bids, DP&L sheds crocodile tears on behalf of ratepayers, claiming that both the NRG bid and Bluewater's are cost prohibitive. They ask the public to take their word for it that the wind bid may cost as much as 2 billion and the IGCC project as much as 5 billion over the life of the contracts. Professor Firestone, a wind advocate, argues that a more realistic assessment may mean a cost to the ratepayers of approximately a half a billion dollars over 25 years for the wind bid. That sounds like serious money. But what are the costs, alternatively, of simply maintaining the status quo in which DP&L continues to have their way with ratepayers unchallenged, without electronic monitoring devices on their executives' ankles or warnings to the citizenry as to which neighborhoods they live in. As Firestone points out, merely extrapolating the costs of DP&L's recent 60% increase to residential ratepayers out 25 years will mean an additional burden to ratepayers of 4.3 billion dollars—twice DP&L's questionable estimate for wind costs and nearly nine times Firestone's estimate of the extra cost of wind. Choose your poison. The cost prohibitive alternative is not wind, but the status quo wherein the public must put its trust in a corporation the independent consultant has just warned the PSC occupies itself solely with risks to its shareholders, not with the risks their customers are facing in long term cost escalation.

DP&L touts its expertise in negotiating the wholesale market and its proposed transmission improvements as the only solutions required here. But the independent consultant's report questions whether the MAPP transmission upgrade will ever be built, since among new transmission projects currently under consideration it ranks second worst in terms of cost, seven times more costly than the most highly regarded project under review. Should it be built, its 1.2 billion dollar price tag will be passed through to customers. What's more, in the independent consultant's judgment it provides no assurance of cost reductions to ratepayers from its implementation. On the other hand, should it not win approval and get built, the consultants ominously argue that market prices for power will increase substantially enough to alter the relative standing of the three long term bid evaluations as presently ranked. As to DP&L's vaunted market management skills, we've already seen what that can mean. And giving them free rein going forward also means they may purchase power from facilities west of here that their parent company, Pepco, owns, including dirty coal plants whose pollution will be blown back in our faces and fill our lungs with toxins at levels even worse than an IGCC unit would generate in our own back yard.

Finally, DP&L conveniently ignores many other fossil fuel costs that make a wind bid an even more appealingly economical alternative than conducting business as usual with DP&L. In European calculations, \$6.63 per megawatt hour is added in accounting for health care costs fossil fuel plants generate. Ratepayers do not have to be rocket scientists to know who will be footing the bill for RGGI regulations when they are soon formulated, or for implementing new EPA regulations by 2010 that must radically reduce particulates (PM 2.5) from coal and gas plants. What about the burden of CO2 taxes—not at \$12 a ton, but at anywhere from \$25 to \$400 a ton from burning fossil fuels at a rate of millions of tons annually in Delaware? Will DP&L shareholders be absorbing those costs, do you think? Does anyone believe, with DP&L, that fossil fuel costs in the next 25 years will remain relatively stable? Who will pay if such costs do not? Clearly the far more economical choice is wind, offering profound health and environmental benefits, assured price stability advantages, and the immediate opportunity to address Delaware's

SustainableEnergy Task Force's 20% renewable requirement by 2019. Let's get on with it.

Theresa Zoh
Citizens for Clean Power

In my estimation, Senator McDowell's proposal to handle Delaware's power generation needs with a combination of conservation measures and home site renewables is wishful thinking at best. With rigorous conservation measures, California has only been able to reduce its need for more power generation, not eliminate it, and Delaware's situation adds two complicating factors. The first is the extraordinary population growth here that shows no sign of abating soon. The second is our dependence on an aging fleet of filthy coal generators nearing the end of their serviceable life expectancy and facing new pollution control regulations from DNREC and the Supreme Court's 9-0 decision last week that will soon force their owners to evaluate whether pollution control retrofits will make them economical to run. Any retirements at all will make new generating capacity even more necessary than it already is. Furthermore, home site renewables will surely not ramp up quickly enough to generate the 20% renewable quota by 2019 set by the state's Sustainable Energy Task Force. Conservation should work hand and glove with new generation, but neither without the other will prove adequate to the improvements we need in supplying electrical power economically.

DP&L would have us believe that the area requires no enhancement of supply generated locally, but the PJM forecasts power growth of 1.4% annually in our area. Unless we want to subject ourselves to the added costs of power generated elsewhere and transmitted here as well as to periodical bottlenecks because that transmission capacity is only marginally adequate, we need to think in terms of power generated locally. Delaware's off-shore wind resource is of outstanding strength and regularity. It is virtually pollution and greenhouse gas free and may be expanded (and rapidly so) as old coal units at Edgemoor and Indian River begin to fail physically or are retired for economic reasons. Wind is the way to go.

Carol Dobson
Member, Citizens for Clean Power

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Delmarva Power & Light IRP
Before the Public Service Commission, April 16, 2007

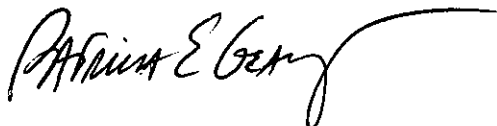
The Independent Consultant's report to the Public Service Commission dated April 4, 2007, indicates that Delmarva Power and Light's IRP: a) fails to evaluate all available supply options; b) fails to set forth a 10-year supply and demand forecast; and c) fails to factor, into their future needs accounting, the likelihood or risk of retirements of the many aging generating units at Edgemoor and Indian River. Many of these units are more than 50 years old. They face pollution control retrofits necessitated by new state and federal air quality regulations, which are so costly that the units may no longer prove economical to run.

Most egregiously, DP&L refused to calculate hypothetical high end estimates of possible future natural gas price increases, arguing their unlikelihood, despite natural gas having tripled in cost during the past decade, and having soared another 33% in the first three months of this year. These omissions, and other evidence cited by the consultants, demonstrate DP&L's persistent refusal to cooperate with the legislative mandate. This IRP is so blatantly deficient, so negligently prepared, that it now threatens to scuttle the PSC's work. More than a million dollars of taxpayer money would be wasted.

DP&L refuses to acknowledge the value of long-term contracts. We must not allow DP&L to get away with manipulating this process by submitting a substandard and self-serving IRP. If we throw up our hands, DP&L will win, and the public will lose. The status quo will continue. It cannot be allowed to continue. We have suffered too many years of environmental damage. Too many lives have been lost to coal and gas plant pollution. We need the jobs Delaware could receive through an offshore wind contract. The last place this process needs to go is back to the Legislature. HB 6 is reasonable, and the intent is clear. It calls for new, price-stable energy sources to be based in Delaware. It sets appropriate standards that Bluewater Wind has met, hands down. The analysis filed by Dr. Jeremy Firestone shows that the average increased monthly cost for Bluewater's contract over the 25 year contract period will be \$5.03/month. That's a small amount to pay for stable-priced, clean energy that cuts health costs and environmental costs, expands our energy portfolio and reduces our dependence on volatile fossil fuels. The public has said, overwhelmingly, it is willing to make this investment. Why hasn't DP&L listened to its customers?

The fox is in the henhouse. DP&L should be ordered to do the IRP planning properly, urgently, at their own expense and under the scrupulous supervision of the PSC staff – or they should be required to pay for an independent IRP, not done by DP&L. Leave the bid process as it is, even if a final decision must be delayed by a few months. Stop pouring taxpayer money down the drain. And lastly, salute the public which insists it is ready to make a small financial sacrifice now to bring Delaware stable-priced clean wind power and the economic growth that could come with it.

When lawyers can't win on the merits, they try to throw out the case on procedural technicalities. That is exactly what is happening here. Legislators and lawyers, take notice: The public is not going to put up with it.



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Dear Public Service Commissioners and Governor Minner:

Thank you for allowing the public to participate in this process. The "political chaos" (of the decision before you concerning new power contracts) can be solved by strong leadership from the Governor and your Commission. Your concerns for the public's health and our future welfare has the ability to bring clarity to the decision placed in your hands.

Blatantly absent (or may I concede to "minimal") in the consultant reports is a thorough thought process reflecting on the environmental benefits and health care costs impact of the three bids analyzed. The costs to our health care system, were they to be considered for each of the three bids, would bring clarity to the complex decision making process. Wind power achieves a long term cost benefit by its ability to prevent disease by being non-polluting. period. That long term cost benefit must be acknowledged and properly attributed to this bidders' cost analysis.

Please do not allow the decision to kick back to legislature. Provide the leadership to choose the sustainable power bid we have available to us: BlueWater Wind.

I have four daughters aged 7 to 10. May I suggest you sit down with your knowlege base of the bid process and work out "how" to try to explain it to a child. This forces you to sift through the complexity and find the simplicity. This also has the potential to be sure you include honesty, and respect for their generation's future needs to be considered.

It can go something like this. Delmarva Power has been asked by the legislators to find a suitable long term contract for buying power. This started because there were large raises in prices in the market, mostly because of higher costs of fossil fuels, like natural gas. There are also known future cost, like carbon taxes, that will be added to coal and natural gas, which will continue to raise the prices. So we want to try to stabilize the costs; but the details of that are enough to make everyone think this is a complicated decision. The legislators also did mention they want environmental benefits to be part of the deal.

So three companies put in bids to Delmarva Power, who is the company that will buy the power from one of these power generators. But that "buying" company is saying that they think the market can do a better job in controlling costs than buying blocks of power at a set cost now. One bidder sells natural gas power, the other coal gasification power, and the other wind power. They have submitted all their data and information and everyone is trying to do their best to sort it out; but mostly they are still talking about cost and future concerns that are hard to predict.

I like to pretend it is like they are all sitting down playing a game of Monopoly. All the pieces are laid out, and the game is underway. But some of the players who get told they are in "last place" begin to wonder if they can win if they are competing with a new player, such as wind power, who does not have future fuel cost increases nor costs of pollution as part of its bid reality. The old players begin to realize the way they can "win" is to change the game or try to control it better, (for example by supporting changes in the bid process, changing who makes the decisions or working to get a contract another way, instead of competing with renewables).

So, what is happening now, it can be like a seven year old who gets frustrated with the game as she begins to perceive she may lose, and she goes to pick up the whole board and knocks it over- to ruin the game and let no one win. What the children who desire to do this need is parenting or leadership- lessons applied at fair sportsmanship and clear direction as to process and rules.

Yes, monopoly is a game of strategy and power, and this is a part of life. But we can lead, teach and insist that the game is most honorably played when rules and "power monopolies" are not in charge of making the rules as we go. Delmarva Power seems to not have any financial gain by the sale of wind, but may have business benefits from the sale or prosperity of natural gas sales. There is nothing wrong with wanting Delmarva Power to prosper and succeed. However, the game of monopoly is changing, not because we should allow the players to control the game. That game is changing because renewables are now a player in the viability of a large power source, and cost effectiveness, and cost stability.

The future "stability" we seek, in price and in environmental benefit, can be seen in the eyes of visionaries who support the development of sustainable renewable energy industry. There are risks or unknowns to any new technology. But there are "inconvenient truths" or realities to the risks of **not** choosing to support the development of large scale renewables power industry- such as the proposed large off shore wind farm.

It will take leadership from Governor Minner to not allow the players to tip over the board and send the decision back. **We need visionary leadership, one who keeps the players fair and one who keeps the peoples' health and welfare in position of priority over power executive profit margins concerns.**

A very simple understanding of the health care costs and direct impacts each bid may have on the costs to the health care system in the future has the ability to solve the riddle of complexity imbedded into this bid process.

We all wish to know the future, and we don't want a long term contract that will end up costing us more now than power in the future may cost. The power monopoly would like us to focus mostly on cost parameters related to the company's profits or losses, future risks or gains.

However, as decisions are made about the future cost parameters, the people deserve that the game is fairly played and the benefits to people (their budgets *and* their health), not just companies' profits, are considered.

Consider the asthma patients, the heart disease patients, and the cancer patients whose disease processes are affected by the levels of pollution in our world. If you apply even a

small fraction of the costs of their health care, and then also add consideration and brave thought processes that their rights to health deserve a factor of consideration, you will find clarity. **Long term cost benefits of wind power INCLUDE the costs saved in health care by disease prevention from non-polluting power sources.**

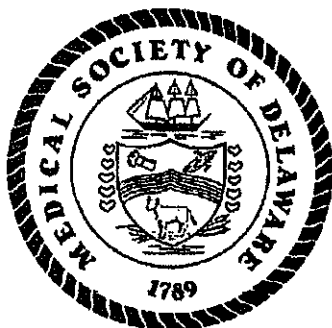
Allowing political chaos and "no-bid" to prevail is a subtle way you tell the public that their health concerns are **not** your priority. And "we" are paying attention to see what are your priorities: the peoples' needs or the power executives desires?

(By "we", I refer to those public members who have testified and have no financial connections to any of the bids.)

Choose the disease-free power contract: Choose Blue Water Wind's bid. Your leadership has a chance to shine on behalf of the people of Delaware.

Thank you for respecting our health concerns and finding clarity in your process with this awareness.

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Dear Ms. Nickerson:

I am writing on behalf of the Environmental and Public Health Committee of the Medical Society of Delaware (MSD) and MSD members in response to the request for public comment regarding sustainable and renewable power sources for Delaware. The mission of MSD, an organization of approximately 1,700 physicians in Delaware, is to guide, serve, and support Delaware physicians, promoting the practice and profession of medicine to enhance the health of our communities.

In keeping with our mission, MSD members tell Delaware lawmakers they care about policies that affect the hundreds of thousands of patients in our state. The physicians on the MSD Environmental and Public Health Committee have an interest in public health and wellness issues affecting the health of Delaware citizens. Prior activities have focused on the development and oversight of uniform clinical guidelines for various medical conditions including asthma, congestive heart failure, and coronary artery disease, as well as the support of tobacco cessation programs.

Another area of focus for the committee is air quality issues. Delawareans can choose to be in a smoke-free environment but we have no choice about the air that we breathe. We were recently provided with resolutions passed by the Florida Medical Association and Medical Association of Georgia which identify coal plants as a major source of pollution, global warming, mercury contamination in ocean wildlife, and as a cause of death, disease, cancer, heart and asthma attacks, strokes, and low birth weight babies. Shortly after receipt of these resolutions, MSD was made aware of the Delmarva Power's IRP and the proposals made in response to it including the addition of a gasification plant to the site of an existing coal burning site and the Blue Water Wind Proposal for an off-shore wind farm.

The Medical Society of Delaware supports less-polluting, more efficient power options that adhere to and strengthen Clean Air Act standards. We do not support any one proposal at this time, but we urge the government and utilities to develop comprehensive energy conservation programs and to adopt improved energy efficiency standards. Increased power should be given careful consideration and full public debate, and preference should be given to the least polluting options. We are in favor of clean and sustainable power sources which do not pose serious and known risks to our health.

Sincerely,

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